

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

### **What kind of undergraduate degree must I have to qualify for this program?**

FIU requires you to have an undergraduate degree from an accredited university.

### **Do I include my certified transcripts with the application?**

FIU requires that official transcripts are sent in directly by the college(s) or university (ies) you attend(ed). You cannot send in copies of these transcripts yourself.

If you are an alumnus (ae) of FIU, there is no need to have transcripts sent. If you attended a university outside the U.S. and the transcripts are not in English, they must be translated by a certified translator. The translation and an official copy of the transcripts must be submitted.

### **Who is required to submit TOEFL?**

Applicants whose native language is not English or who did not obtain a degree in the U.S. need to take the TOEFL test. They will need to score at least 550 on the paper-based or 213 on the computer-based test. Please visit <http://www.toefl.org/> for more information.

### **For how many years are my test scores valid?**

GMAT scores - 5 years

GRE scores - 5 years

TOEFL scores - 2 years

Institutional TOEFL scores (FIU) - 1 year

### **How many students are there in the classes?**

The maximum number of students per class is 40.

### **Is a thesis required in the program?**

No, there is no required thesis.

### **Can classes be waived if I took some MS-MIS classes in another university?**

Classes taken in another university program will not be waived since this is a 12-month, lock-step program. Courses from other programs also are not transferable.

### **Can I pursue two graduate degrees at the same time?**

No. Unfortunately, you cannot pursue two degrees at the same time at FIU. Please contact the FIU Graduate Admissions Office at 305-348-7442 for further information.

### **Can I prolong the MS-MIS program for more than 12 months?**

No, you cannot prolong the MS-MIS for more than 12 months. Since it is a lock-step program, you must remain with your class throughout the entire sequence until the program is concluded.

### **Are Certificate students taking different courses than the MS-MIS students?**

No. Certificate students are taking the same courses as MS-MIS students.

### **Can I apply for financial aid?**

Yes. You can apply for financial aid online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> or pick up an application at any high school, college or university. For specific information regarding financial aid or to find out the status of your application please contact Ms. Dacia Simpson, Chapman Financial Aid Coordinator at 305-348-1647 or [simpsond@fiu.edu](mailto:simpsond@fiu.edu). The FIU's Financial Aid Office web site is located at <http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/finaid>. It is advisable that you begin the process as soon as possible.

### **Are there any scholarships available?**

Information about scholarships can be obtained from the following sources:

- College of Business - [http://business.fiu.edu/chapman/graduate\\_scholarships.cfm](http://business.fiu.edu/chapman/graduate_scholarships.cfm)
- University Graduate School - <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/financial.html>
- FIU's Financial Aid Office - <http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/finaid>

### **Does FIU offer on-campus housing?**

Yes. For more information on on-campus housing options please visit <http://www.fiu.edu/~housing/>.